

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET
REGISTRATION SERVICE
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE: 8/30/89

FULL NAME Harold Hotchkiss (Lee)
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

S.S. NO. [REDACTED]

ADDRESS [REDACTED]

CITY Ossining STATE New York ZIP CODE

DATE OF BIRTH (45) DOB-10/25/43 (This is important and should be exact)

APPROXIMATE AGE 45 (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

RELIGION Presbyterian NATIONALITY (Citizen of)

OCCUPATION Computer Expert/ IBM

EDUCATION

WEIGHT 180 HEIGHT 6'1" RACE Cauc.

COLOR OF HAIR Brown COLOR OF EYES Brown

ANY DISTINGUISHING PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

HOBBIES OR SPECIAL INTERESTS

MARRIED ☐ SINGLE ☐ NAME OF SPOUSE

CHILDREN

(Name, number, ages, if possible)

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

UNIT #	CITY	STATE	POSITION	DATE REGISTERED	DATE RESIGNED
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Chartered Organization

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

INCIDENT: TYPE	DATE OF INCIDENT	RESOLUTION
Type		Resolution

1=Scout Related
2=Non-scout related
3=homosexual (not specifically with youth)

1. Internal (only Scouts Know)
2. Criminal action
3. Court action
4. Probationary status
5. Reported to state agency

Check off list of attached documentation

1. Description of incident
2. Victim(s) statement
3. media reports
4. Legal proceedings
5. Offender's statement
6. Official notification of termination
7. Found guilty/innocent by court

Accused of performing anal and oral sodomy on children ages 7-17 and directing sex acts between them, some of which were photographed for distribution as pornography

Council Westcester-Putnam #388 Signed Registration/National

SCOUT EXECUTIVE

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CONFIDENTIAL

AUG 30 1989

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February 4, 1991

Mr. P. Paul Nardone
Scout Executive
Westchester-Putnam Council, No. 388

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: HAROLD LEE HOTCHKISS

Dear Paul:

Thank you for the detailed information sent concerning the above Scouter. This case has been reviewed with our attorney and is now on our permanent Ineligible Volunteer File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration and Statistical Service

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cc: Charles D. Ball, Northeast Region

READY FOR FILE
FEB 05 1991
ERIN O'RILEY

CONF016254



WESTCHESTER-PUTNAM COUNCIL, INC. • BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
1000 NORTH STREET, WHITE PLAINS, NY 10605-3198 (914) 949-6180

December 21, 1990

Mr. Paul Ernst, Director
Registration and Statistical Service
Boy Scouts of America
National Office
1325 W. Walnut Hill Lane
P.O. Box 152079
Irving, TX 75015-2079

Dear Paul:

In answer to your letter of December 13, 1990 regarding Harold Hotchkiss, we have just obtained the following information. Mr. Hotchkiss plead guilt to numerous charges (sodomy, assault, endangerment, etc.) and was sentenced to 20-60 years in prison, with a mandatory minimum of 20 years.

I hope this information will complete your file on the case. If you need any further information, please call me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "P. Paul Nardone".

P. Paul Nardone
Scout Executive

PPN/mp

CONF016255

DEC 14 1990

A. GRAVES

December 13, 1990

Mr. P. Paul Nardone
Scout Executive
Westchester-Putnam Council, No. 358

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: HAROLD HOTCHKISS

Dear Paul:

I hate to bother you again, but wondered if any legal action has now taken place. It has been over a year since the original charges were placed, and I would hope the legal action has now been completed.

Thanks for your help in completing this file.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration and Statistical Service

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cc: Northeast Region

CONF016256

September 13, 1990

Mr. P. Paul Nardone
Scout Executive
Westchester-Putnam Council, No. 388

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: HAROLD HOTCHKISS

Dear Paul:

You indicated in earlier correspondence that the evidence was quite strong against Mr. Hotchkiss. I would like to know if the legal action has now been completed.

We would like newspaper clippings, court records, or other materials that would substantiate the legal action. Please send us this, so that we can make certain that we have a complete file, which will enable us to refuse registration anywhere in the country.

Thanks so much for your help.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration and Statistical Service

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cc: Northeast Region

CONF016257



WESTCHESTER-PUTNAM COUNCIL, INC. • BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
1000 NORTH STREET, WHITE PLAINS, NY 10605-5198 (914) 949-6180

April 11, 1990

Mr. Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service
Boy Scouts of America
1325 Walnut Hill Lane
P.O. Box 152079
Irving, TX 75015-2079

Dear Paul:

Sorry for the delay in responding to your letter of follow-up on Harold Hotchkiss. Mr. Hotchkiss, according to the Assistant District Attorney handling the case, will either

- 1) Plead guilty to about 20 charges.
- 2) Go to court. If he decides to fight the charges, it will not come up until late summer or early fall.

The Assistant D.A. said the evidence of his guilt is extremely strong and feels that Mr. Hotchkiss will most probably plead guilty. He should be incarcerated for quite a while.

I hope this information is helpful. I will let you know when the legal action is fully completed. If he pleads guilty he will do so most likely within the next few weeks.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "P. Paul Nardone".
P. Paul Nardone
Scout Executive

PPN/mp

CONF016258

PAUL PARRONE, SE

4-12-90

HITCHKISS - WILL PLEAD GUILTY
IN NEXT MONTH - MANY COUNTS.

4-12-90

HANK TCHOLNE

[REDACTED] - FATHER CLAIMS
BOY INJURED BY ROPE - NO INDICATED
MARKS - COUNCIL WANTS TO REINVEST.
INFO COMING TO REVIEW - SEND
LTR IF AGREE.

Paul Parrone

April 5, 1990

READY FOR FILE

APR 05 1990

JULIE FIELDER

Mr. P. Paul Nardone
Scout Executive
Westchester-Putnam Council, No. 333

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: HAROLD LEE HOTCHKISS

Dear Paul:

I hate to bother you again, but I would like to know the outcome of the legal action related to the above named individual. He was originally arrested sometime in August of 1989, and we thought perhaps the legal action had been completed. The outcome of this would be most helpful in completing our file.

Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

cc: Northeast Region

CONF016260

READY FOR FILE

JAN 17 1990

A. GRAVES

January 18, 1990

Mr. P. Paul Nardone
Scout Executive
Westchester-Putnam Council, No. 388

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Harold Lee Hotchkiss

Dear Paul:

This is just a follow up concerning the above named individual. We would like to have any further newspaper clippings or other material related to this situation.

If the trial has been completed, we would like the outcome and any sentencing which may have been imposed.

Thanks for your help in completing this file.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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cc: Northeast Region

CONF016261

READY FOR FILE

AUG 31 1989

A. GRAVES

August 30, 1989

Mr. P. Paul Nardone
Scout Executive
Westchester-Putnam Council, No. 388

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Harold Lee Hotchkiss

Dear Paul:

Thanks so much for the material sent concerning the above named individual. This is most complete and will enable us to start a file which will lead to refusal of registration at anytime in the future.

We would like the outcome of the legal action, as this will strengthen our files. Please send this to us when this case is completed.

Thanks for your help in protecting the youth of America.

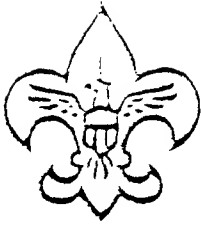
Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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cc: Northeast Region

CONF016262



WESTCHESTER-PUTNAM COUNCIL, INC.
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

1000 NORTH STREET • WHITE PLAINS, NEW YORK 10605-5193 • 914-949-6130

August 21, 1989

Mr. Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service
Boy Scouts of America
National Office
1325 Walnut Hill Lane
P.O. Box 152079
Irving, Texas 75015-2079

Dear Paul:

I am writing to you about Harold (Lee) Hotchkiss (see enclosed article). I have been told by the Westchester County D.A.'s office that he may have been involved in Scouting some time ago. Also, a reporter from the local newspaper has called me saying they were told he had a Scouting involvement. I have checked all our current records and he is not currently registered. Additionally, I have checked past records of Units in the towns of White Plains, Ossining, Peekskill and Cortlandt and his name does not appear in our records. All the D.A.'s office would say was that he may have been involved with a Presbyterian Church.

I do not have a street address, but he lives in Ossining. His social security number is [REDACTED] and his date of birth is 10/25/43. He is a white male with brown hair and brown eyes, stands 6'1" and weighs about 180 lbs. His weight is as of several years ago and may have changed.

I do believe he should be added to our confidential file. If I receive any more information, I will forward it to you.

Warmest regards,

P. Paul Nardone
P. Paul Nardone
Scout Executive

Enclosure

*Added to CF file
Show me registration
at this time.
8/28/89
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P.S. I received these additional articles today from a volunteer.

PPN/mp



CONF016263

Man accused of torturing, abusing boys

Ossining suspect pleads innocent to 209 counts

By Deborah Pines

Staff Writer

An 45-year-old Ossining man was arraigned yesterday on a 209-count indictment alleging that for nearly five years he sodomized, sexually abused, tortured and photographed for pornography 10 Westchester boys, aged 7 to 17.

Harold Hotchkiss, a 24-year employee of IBM, trembled as the charges were read and he entered pleas of innocent to all of them before Westchester County Court Judge Kenneth H. Lange in White Plains.

Lange then accepted a motion by Hotchkiss' attorney, Frank Silverstein of White Plains, that Hotchkiss undergo psychiatric tests at Westchester County Jail in Valhalla to determine if he is competent to stand trial. No bail was set.

In an inch-thick indictment, Hotchkiss is accused of performing anal and oral sodomy on children and directing sex acts between them.

He is also accused of various acts of sexual torture and photographing and recording some of the encounters for distribution as pornography.



Stan Gitner

Harold Hotchkiss is led out of the state police barracks in Peekskill yesterday by Investigator Albert Swansen, right, and Trooper Raymond Ortiz, rear.

If convicted of all of the charges, Hotchkiss faces hundreds of years in prison.

D.A. says sex-abuse suspect knew kids' parents

By Deborah Pines
and Patrick Dilger
Staff Writer

An Ossining man accused of sexually molesting and torturing 10 Westchester boys in the past five years found his victims among his friends' children, an assistant district attorney said yesterday.

Jeanine Pirro, head of Westchester County's Child Abuse and Domestic Violence bureau, said the molested children, boys ages 7 to 17, called Harold Lee Hotchkiss "Uncle Hal." But she would not say how the children came to be involved in the sexual acts. The crimes were reported by a parent in March, Pirro said.

Meanwhile, State Trooper Albert Swansen, an investigating officer, urged any other child who had been involved with Hotchkiss to call police.

Hotchkiss, 45, a 24-year IBM employee and a computer expert, was charged Wednesday with 209 counts of sodomizing, sexually abusing, torturing and photographing the boys for pornography. He pleaded innocent during his arraignment Wednesday.

Westchester District Attorney Carl A. Vergari called the case one of the "most sho

any of the Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone companies in Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia, as well as telephone companies in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware. CWA represents 41,000 Bell Atlantic employees.

Local issues in each of the states still must be resolved before a final contract agreement can be reached, CWA officials said yesterday that each local company has five days to try to resolve remaining contract issues. If agreement can be reached within that period, union members will return to work pending ratification, the union said.

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JERKYL AND HYDE

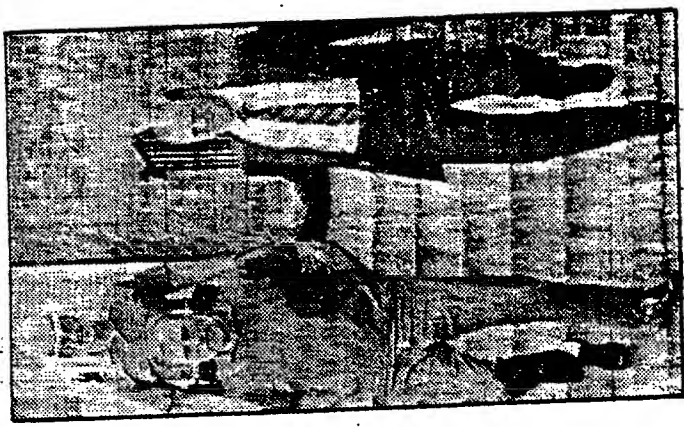
IBM exec's Boy Scout pose in child-sex case

By BILL HOFFMANN
Accused child sex torturer Harold Hotchkiss passed himself off as a Boy Scout leader to keep his alleged lifestyle a secret from the world. The Post has learned. The longtime IBM executive was often seen with "clean-cut young boys" whom he'd offer candy bars and escort to secluded areas near his home, his Westchester neighbors said yesterday.

Whenever they'd quit the 40-year-old bachelor about it, he'd boast about "his dedication" to kids. "I'd see him walking around with one or two boys at a time," said Hugh Maguire, superintendant of the Crossroads Apartments in Peekskill, where Hotchkiss lived last year. "He told me he was a Boy Scout master and did lots of work with kids, taking them on outings. I had no reason to disbelieve him. But now, I'm sickened." "He's a real-life Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," said an indignant Hotchkiss neighbor.

Wednesday for allegedly sodomizing and torturing 10 boys since 1984, photographing them and audio-taping their screams of pain in several northern-Westchester towns. Incredibly though, no one had the slightest notion Hotchkiss was anything but "a regular guy."

He hunted and fished and was often seen going off with shotgun and fishing rod for a weekend in the woods, neighbors said. "I saw him with these three boys" offering them chocolate bars and walking them into that alleyway. It's the perfect area for doing things without being seen," Martin said. He dressed nicely and said he was in the Elks Club. There was nothing strange," said his neighbor, Dr. Elliott Pine. "He was so professional and would have called the cops. These charges — my God, it's a shame — the perfect tenant, really."



Stan Gliner
IN CUSTODY: Harold Hotchkiss is led away in handcuffs after arrest.